



H.Res. 443 – Recognizing the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War, honoring the people of Puerto Rico who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country, and commending all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers

Floor Situation

H.Res. 443 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative James McGovern (D-MA) on May 24, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, but was never considered.

H.Res. 443 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on September 18, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 443 recognizes the service of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers during the Korean War and honors the people of Puerto Rico, who continue to serve and volunteer for service in the Armed Forces and make sacrifices for the country.

H.Res. 443 commends all efforts to promote and preserve the history of the 65th Infantry Borinqueneers.

Background

The 65th Infantry Regiment (the Borinqueneers), was the only Hispanic-segregated unit in United States military history, and was mandated by Congress to be comprised primarily of Puerto Ricans.

The Borinqueneers served in World War I, World War II, and, most notably, the Korean War.

They participated in nine major campaigns during the Korean War and their unit won the Presidential Unit Citation, a Meritorious Unit Commendation, and two Republic of Korea Unit Citations.

The 65th Infantry returned to Puerto Rico and was deactivated in 1956. However, Brig. General Juan Cordero, Puerto Rico's Adjutant General, persuaded the Department of the

Army to transfer the 65th Infantry from the regular Army to the Puerto Rico National Guard. This was the only unit ever transferred from active component Army to the National Guard.

Cost

At the time of printing the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not scored this legislation.

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